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Application No. 10/032,996

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on February 23, 2006. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner. The matter requiring attention prior to docketing is identified below.

On May 11, 2006, a facsimile was received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences requesting that the two-month time period for response be re-set because an Examiner's Answer to the Appeal Brief was never received.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is electronically returned to the Examiner 1) for consideration of the request to re-set the two-month time period; 2) written communication to appellants of such consideration; and 3) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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